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Title : Method for the Maintenance and Repair of Gas

Turbines

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 4, 2010 and the helpful comments provided with the Advisory Action mailed June 2, 2010. The response due date, extended two months, is August 6, 2010.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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